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AFTER SHOCK

**Fear and anxiety linger after
student's beating death—
what's next for the rattled
community? *pages 6-7***

Rhaea Albert weeps for her
slain brother, Derrion Albert,
during a Monday vigil on
the city's South Side.

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MONDAY'S WINNING CAPTION

"Artist Mandy Warhol re-examines her 'Zebracow Tesla Machine' piece."

—BEN TAYLOR



Overheard *OMG, Chicago, you did NOT just say that!*

Near the St. Alphonsus Oktoberfest last weekend.

Girl 1: It's September! I thought Oktoberfest was supposed to be in

October.

Girl 2 (joking): Well, maybe it's October in Germany.

Girl 1 (serious): Really? Hmm.



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To admire

Check out fast-paced architecture as designers present 20 images for 20 seconds each from 6-10 p.m. Tuesday

during the Burnham edition of Pecha Kucha Night at the Chicago Tourism Center (72 E. Randolph St.). Tickets are \$25 at **burnhamplan100.uchicago.edu**.

To sizzle

Learn how to prepare and cook fish from 6-7:30 p.m. Tuesday with Jonathan Wise at Fox & Obel (401 E. Illinois St.). Tickets are \$35. Register by calling 312-410-7301.

To hear

Listen to political noir author James Ellroy read from his latest novel, "Blood's A Rover," at 6 p.m. Tuesday at Harold Washington Library (400 S. State St.).



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**TODAY'S
FORECAST**

Ouch. Think it's fall yet?



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At least there's sun



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Some sun. Rain?



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Obama
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First lady excited to give pitch for Olympics

Chicago Tribune

WASHINGTON On the eve of her trip to Copenhagen to push for Chicago to win the 2016 Summer Games, Michelle Obama met for almost a half-hour with print reporters in the elegant State Dining Room.

The first lady spoke along with Valerie Jarrett, senior White House adviser, close friend to both Obamas, and their go-to person for getting the games.

"This is very cool for me," Michelle Obama began. "I could've never imagined that I would be leading the team to try to win the Olympic bid. And it is pretty exciting for me personally."

She had been the leader, that is, until Monday morning's news that President Obama, after weeks of saying no-can-do, also will travel to Copenhagen for the IOC vote.

The first lady leaves Tuesday, and upon arrival will start lobbying. The president leaves Thursday, then speaks to IOC members after Chicago's hourlong presentation.

"He's going to fly all night, so he'll sleep on the plane, wake up, participate in the presentation, and then we'll be back in Washington on Friday," Jarrett said.

Mrs. Obama discussed her passion for Chicago and its suitability—all while showing a competitive streak. She said last week, she had sat next to Brazilian First Lady Marisa Leticia Lula da Silva during the G-20 summit in Pittsburgh—and added that she adores her. Still, "I said, you know, I'm going to hug you now, and then I'm going after you in Copenhagen. And she said, 'You, too.' So [the] gloves are off."

The first lady said she and the president will make separate presentations, not "do a joint poem" or "sing together or anything." She added: He's going to talk, I'll talk. I don't know when we'll close out, but, you know, we're figuring all that stuff out right now."

Can Obama win 2016 bid?

Observers weigh in on what his presence means for Chicago

Chicago Tribune

Olympic observers expressed enthusiasm Monday over President Obama's announcement that he would go to Copenhagen and pitch Chicago's 2016 Olympic bid.

Some predicted that the quick trip—he plans to be on the ground only four or five hours—could make the difference between Chicago winning and losing the Summer Games.

"It's very positive," said Mitt Romney, the former GOP presidential candidate who rescued the scandal-tainted 2002 Salt Lake City Olympics. "I think his presence makes the likelihood of a Chicago win very good,

indeed. Had he not gone, we almost certainly would have lost."

Romney isn't among those with votes, and the impact of Obama's trip will be difficult to assess because the voting by 100-plus International Olympic Committee members is via secret ballot.

But some IOC voters were clearly impressed at the news.

"The impact of his presence in the Chicago delegation is not multiplied by double," said IOC member Ottavio Cinqunta of Italy. "This impact can be multiplied by 25."

After weeks of indicating that the president might not be able to go to Copenhagen because of pressing business at home, the White House said Obama would join his wife, Michelle, for the presentation Friday. The host city will be picked that same day.

Michelle Obama, at a media briefing

THE ITINERARY

Obama will travel Thursday night and return Friday. The first lady plans to leave Tuesday and meet with individual members of the IOC on Wednesday and Thursday. Both will speak to the IOC, but individually. He will mingle briefly with IOC members before Friday's vote to decide among Chicago, Madrid, Tokyo and Rio de Janeiro.

Monday, said the president decided over the weekend to go to Copenhagen.

Peter Tallberg, an IOC member from Finland, agreed that Obama's in-person lobbying "can have an influence on the voting."

But when asked whether it might sway a couple votes, Tallberg said: "The IOC is the most unpredictable group of human beings in the world, so you cannot answer a question like that."



Twitter 2016

When we heard the news that President Obama was going to Copenhagen after all, we asked @redeyechicago followers if they thought it would help. Here are some of the responses. Go for the gold every day with RedEye on Twitter at twitter.com/redeyechicago and on Facebook at tr.im/redeyechicago. COMPILED BY SCOTT KLEINBERG.

@funkeybrewster

I think Obama's visit might've sealed the victory for Chicago. Hopefully the games mean good things for the city.

@poet_teresa

hmmmmm i don't think it will help our chances at all.

@badbadleroyb

They wanted him, they got it..... Chicago prepare for 2016...we are so screwed

@vaughnchicago

I wonder if mob mayhem in the streets will cost us Olympic votes?

@ryankiefer

yes, definitely. Obama is fairly well-liked overseas.

@bbulman

Rio is the sentimental favorite, but Obama may swing a few committee member votes our way, maybe enough to win

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My pledge to ride every CTA bus line continues. I rode the No. 76-Diversey bus last week and boiled my review down to 140 characters, the size of a Twitter tweet. Check out photos from the ride and past bus rides at redeye.chicago.com/busride.

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58 mins from Elmwood Park area to Lincoln Park. Get your group on: Alliance of Polish Clubs and National Soccer League on route.

Next up: No. 98-Avon-Express.

KEEP UP WITH TRACY

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CTA vs. the world

Chicago will find out Friday whether it has beat three other cities to land the 2016 Olympics. In the meantime, "Going Public" readers compare Chicago's transit system with the systems in other cities.

CTA worst, not first

Having taken the subways of New York, the Metros of D.C. and Paris and numerous public transportation options in Europe—I've come to the conclusion that Chicago public transportation is the worst in the civilized world.

And believe me, New York is no picnic. The underground stops look like something out of a horror movie, the trains are erratic and crowded, and if you're handicapped—you're better off grabbing a cab.

My three pet peeves:

- » Bus Tracker is a great thing, but why should I have to log on to my BlackBerry to do that? In tiny bus stops on the outskirts of Paris, bus stops have LCD displays announcing what bus is coming and the minutes until arrival.
- » Why do the Blue Line trains—the trains people with luggage take to O'Hare—have doors that are smaller than other trains? The doors on the Blue Line open accordion-style, with a pole in the middle. Yeah, it's fun to get your luggage on that train.
- » The smell and filth. Enough said.

—SUSAN DENNISON, 53, OLD TOWN

T no party

I have been in Chicago for the past year and compared to the T in Boston, the CTA is fantastic. Bus Tracker works well, the Red and Purple Lines are reliable for the most part, and overall I have no complaints. The subway and bus system in Boston is a disaster.

—KEVIN VAHEY, 59, EVANSTON



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Teen victims

Derrion Albert was one of six teenagers who were murdered between last Thursday and Sunday, according to a RedEye analysis of preliminary police data.

Eleven teenagers—10 males and one female—have been homicide victims this month, RedEye found. Ten of these victims were shot to death, while Albert was beaten to death, information from the Cook County Medical Examiner's Office showed.

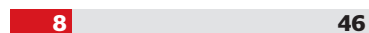
Teenagers have accounted for about 30 percent of the homicide victims so far this month, a rise from 14 percent in August and 23 percent in July.

RedEye looked at the homicide data from June 1 through Sunday. The data is based on preliminary police findings, and some information about victim ages was not available. **TRACY SWARTZ, REDEYE**

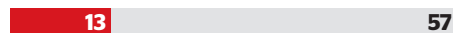
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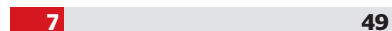
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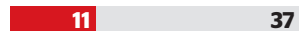
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SEPTEMBER (through Sunday)



MORE ONLINE

For an interactive map of all the homicides in Chicago this year, go to redeyechicago.com/homicides.

FEAR GRIPS FINGER STUDENTS RETURNING TO SCHOOL FOR FIRST TIME SINCE TEEN'S FATAL BEATING

Chicago Tribune

The leisurely walk to school took on an air of fear and anxiety Monday as some Fenger High School students returned to campus for the first time since a classmate was beaten to death during a vicious melee near the school last week.

As teenagers trickled into the Far South Side high school, they talked about the dangerous route they must traverse for an education. And they worried about what awaited them inside the schoolhouse walls, where tensions have brewed for a month before finally exploding into the city streets Thursday.

Many students were so afraid, they simply stayed home.

The ones who showed up were met by more than a dozen police officers standing sentry around campus and by squad cars positioned in the neighborhood announcing, by their mere presence, that they would guarantee safe passage to and from school. The heightened security both inside and outside Fenger came in response to the brutal killing of 16-year-old Derrion Albert caught on video. He was beaten, kicked and smacked with railroad ties about a half-mile from school. Police said the Fenger honor student was caught up in a violent altercation that involved about 50 people as he walked by the Agape Community Center.

Police charged four teenagers, including two Fenger students, with murder Monday. Police said the fight was the culmination of an ongoing feud between a group of Fenger students from the Altgeld Gardens housing project and a group from the neighborhood around Fenger called the "Ville."

Karen Carter was so unnerved by the ongoing violence near Fenger that she withdrew

CPS RESPONDS

Chicago Public School officials scrambled Monday to restore calm. Schools Chief Ron Huberman met with administrators at the school and walked through classrooms to reassure students.

The district announced plans to send 10 additional buses to Altgeld Gardens every day to transport the 350 teenagers to and from Fenger. They also asked the CTA to add additional bus routes in the area to help more quickly disperse the scores of students who wait for buses after school.

The district will fund the bus costs with a \$30 million safety plan rolled out by Huberman earlier this month.

"We will fight to ensure the safety of our students in every single way," Huberman said. "We are committed to doing everything we can to reduce violence."

her son, Kenyon, 15, from the school Monday morning. Mother and son walked from campus clutching books, binders and everything else they found in Kenyon's locker. They do not yet know where Kenyon will enroll, but they are done with Fenger.

"I'm not going to have my child scared to come to school," Carter said.

Nakia Fulton, a Fenger senior, said she, too, was nervous about attending school Monday.

"It wasn't just that they beat him to death," she said. "It's that kids don't know how to control themselves."

The atmosphere was so charged Monday afternoon that additional police were called to Fenger when community activists demanding relief from the violence swarmed Ald. Carrie



Austin (34th) as she tried to enter the school.

Students and residents said tensions have enveloped the school since the school year began. And they blamed Chicago Public School officials and police for not acting sooner, especially in the hours before Albert died when someone fired a gun outside Fenger.

Altgeld Gardens residents say the Ville students stalk them in school, at bus stops and on their walk to and from campus, threatening to beat them up. The Ville students voiced similar concerns about the students from Altgeld Gardens.



Teens gather at Fenger High School to remember Derrion Albert, a student who was beaten to death several blocks from the school.

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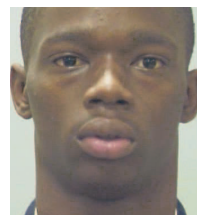
Sherry Smith, the mother of Eugene Riley, one of the teenagers charged in the murder, said another of her sons had been harassed at Fenger earlier Thursday. She said Riley, 18, was defending himself and his younger brother during the melee.

"They're supposed to be there for an education," said Smith, who lives in Altgeld Gardens. "That's supposed to be a safe haven."



An investigator keeps watch outside as students enter Fenger High School on Monday. ALEX GARCIA/TRIBUNE

Charges filed in high school melee



Bailey



Riley



Shannon

Chicago Tribune

Two South Side mothers on Monday confronted the brutal violence their sons are accused of as formal charges against the teens were filed and footage of them allegedly beating and stomping to death another teenager made national news.

One tearfully said she could not bear to look at the video. The other regretfully acknowledged her son on the tape fatally beating Fenger High student Derrion Albert, 16, to death.

"That's Gene. That's my son. I'm not going to lie about that," said Sherry Smith, the mother of Eugene Riley, 18, one of four teens charged in the attack. "I do give my condolences to that family because [their] child shouldn't have lost his life over this."

Riley and Fenger students Silvonus Shannon, 19, and Eric Carson, 16, were charged

Monday with murder and ordered held without bail. Eugene Bailey, 18, was charged later Monday.

A Cook County prosecutor said Albert's death was a result of a brawl between two neighborhood groups, one from the Altgeld Garden public housing complex and the other from the neighborhood known as the "Ville."

Carson, who is from the Ville, was the first to strike Albert on the head, using a long railroad tie, Assistant State's Atty. Jodi Peterson said. Albert was knocked out briefly, and when he woke up, a group from Altgeld attacked him. Riley allegedly used a railroad tie again to strike him and Shannon stomped on his head several times, Peterson said.

The families of Carson and Bailey could not be immediately reached, but Smith and Tamaray Shannon, Silvonus Shannon's mother, said there was a lot of tension at the school last week.

Shannon said her son had been chased out of school and stalked between classes by teens from the Ville. Smith, Riley's mother, said she pulled another son, Vashion Bullocks, 17, out of Fenger on Wednesday because she was worried about his safety.

Neither Riley nor Shannon has a criminal history, and both hold jobs, according to their attorney. Carson was on probation for a 2008 robbery conviction, Peterson said.



Blago seat winner revealed

Chicago Tribune

The mysterious buyer who shelled out \$10,200 for former Governor Rod Blagojevich's seat has come forward to confess—and no, it isn't Sen. Roland Burris.

Mississippi-based artist and mother-of-three Sabrina Comola won a charity eBay auction for the chair the federally-indicted Blagojevich sat on earlier this month while taping an episode of "Jimmy Kimmel Live."

Kimmel suggested the auction as a gag on prosecutors' allegation that Blagojevich tried to sell President Obama's senate seat.

"I was ecstatic when I found out I'd won," Comola said by phone from her home in Brandon, Miss.

"It's a genius piece of political satire and conceptual art—I think it belongs in a museum."

Comola won the chair after the original winning bidder failed to come up with the cash. She said she bought the chair for her husband, Drake Elder, who introduced her to Kimmel's show a couple of years ago.

She plans to host a party in honor of the seat when it arrives from California, she said, adding that she'll keep it in her "formal living room" and that she will allow guests to sit in it.

"That's what it's for," she said.

Although Comola said she wishes Blagojevich "no ill will," she did note that she was "interested in the value of my investment."

"I hope the value of the seat goes up, and it will probably go up if he goes to prison," she said.

Failing that, she said, she hopes the chair made its point, because "some people in power think they can do whatever they want."

"Maybe the rules in Chicago politics have been a little loose," she added.



Family, friends and residents attend funeral services Monday for the five members of the Gee and Constant family at Family Life Center of Mt. Pulaski Christian Church in Mt. Pulaski. **ANTONIO PEREZ/TRIBUNE**

Still a mystery

Unsolved central Illinois slayings leave area on edge

Associated Press

BEASON, III. As she drives toward Beason from work each night, Diana Baker's stomach tightens. It's like there's a cloud above the town since five family members were found heinously slain in their home a week ago.

"I get up in the morning, go to work and go through the motions," said Baker, 51, a Beason resident for more than half her life. "I get home and I couldn't tell you what I did at work. I can't wait to get home and talk to people who are going through the same thing."

There's grief over the loss of Raymond "Rick" Gee, 46, his wife, Ruth, 39, and three of their children in this tiny central Illinois community about 140 miles southwest of Chicago.

But there's also fear—no suspects are in custody and authorities are saying very little.

The trail cools with each day, experts say. But that doesn't mean Logan County Sheriff Steven Nichols and other investigators aren't spinning a web around a perpetrator.

AT MONDAY'S FUNERAL

Black-and-white photos of the family set to music flashed on a screen. A collage of notes written to Justina Constant, 16, was displayed. "The death of this family has shocked us, and we are shaken by our grief and by a sense of uncertainty that yet prevails," said Dayle Badman, the pastor of United Methodist Church in Beason. "I think the best way that you can honor this loving family is to go on loving," she said. "And to each day try to live your lives so that you would make them proud."

The Gees and Justina Constant, 16, Dillen Constant, 14, and Austin Gee, 11, were found in their home outside Beason on Sept. 21. They were buried Monday near Chestnut.

Nichols said the cause of death was "blunt force trauma," but won't discuss the possible type of weapon used, whether he has a suspect in his sights or whether he's seeking more than one suspect.

"Unless investigators are seriously onto something in the first two or three days, the

trail can get cold," said J. William Roberts, a former U.S. attorney for Illinois' central district who spent 15 years as a county prosecutor.

But he said authorities have kept the Beason crime scene well-protected from intrusion that might destroy evidence. That might be where the case lies.

Police are routinely tightlipped about such crimes because they don't want the public knowing things only the killer knows. People confess to crimes they didn't commit, and if reward money is involved, they want to make sure the information they get is from reliable sources, Williams said.

Area residents, however on edge, understand that solving a case takes time.

"Everybody watches TV and you think it can be solved in 30 minutes. It's not going to be solved that fast, but I think they will," Judith Cavestani, a Gee family friend from Mount Pulaski, said Monday before the funeral. "I think they have leads. I think they know more than they're telling us."

Cops: College student rubbed women's legs

A college student has been charged with breaking into the unlocked Aurora apartments of three women and rubbing their legs as they slept. When they awoke, he fled, according to authorities.

Bail was set at \$100,000 to for Quincy Forrester, 19, who was charged with three counts of criminal trespass for incidents that occurred June 16, July 16 and Aug. 7.

On three separate occasions this summer, women at the Amlie Lane apartment complex where Forrester lived reported to police that during the night they were awakened by a man dressed in all black rubbing their legs, Assistant DuPage County State's Atty. Brooks Locke told

Judge Peter Ostling on Monday.

When the women screamed, Forrester fled, Locke said. Forrester was arrested early Sunday morning by an Illinois State Trooper who saw a person dressed in dark clothing acting suspiciously in the area around the apartment complex, said Aurora Police Chief Gregory Thomas. The trooper detained him and called Aurora police.

"He admitted to police that he did this for sexual gratification," Locke said. "He said he would look for an unlocked apartment and rub [the women's] legs while they were sleeping."

If convicted, he faces up to three years in prison.

Judge puts state layoffs on hold

A judge on Monday halted Gov. Quinn's plans to lay off some 2,600 state workers, ruling that the state and a union that represents many of the workers should seek arbitration.

Some 500 of the job cuts—more than 400 of them in the state's prisons, where Quinn wants to eliminate 1,000 jobs—were to have taken effect Wednesday. Other agencies that were to be affected by the layoffs include human services, health and family services, revenue, and commerce and economic development.

Council 31 of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, which represents virtually all of the 2,600 workers, sued in Johnson County last month to block the cuts, saying the impact of the layoffs should first be assessed and that the cuts would make it unsafe for remaining prison workers.



CTA contract data to be searchable

The public will be able to find vendor and contract information pertaining to the CTA by clicking on a new Web link, officials said Monday. CTA President Richard Rodriguez said providing the searchable vendor database is aimed at increasing the transparency of the transit agency's purchasing activities. The database contains information on more than 46,000 contracts dating to 2003, officials said. Go to transitchicago.com for more information.

Man, 85, accused of threatening officer

An 85-year-old man allegedly threatened a police officer Saturday with a BB gun while disputing a parking ticket inside the Huntley Police Department. Police said Peter Reilly refused repeated commands from the officer to drop his weapon, which was hidden in a hat he carried in his hand. Officers retrieved the weapon without incident. Reilly was charged with unlawful use of a weapon, a misdemeanor. He was freed after posting \$100 cash bond.

Teenager won't be charged in stabbing

The Cook County state's attorney's office Monday rejected murder charges against a 16-year-old boy who police say stabbed his mother's boyfriend to death after intervening in a fight between the couple. Prosecutors reviewed the case and felt the boy was acting in self-defense, said Andy Conklin, a state's attorney's spokesman. The mother and her boyfriend had been fighting Sunday at the mother's residence in the 6000 block of South Michigan Avenue, police said.

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- AMC Select **I Hope They** (R) 2:45, 5:30, 8:10, 11:00
- **The Informant!** (R) 2:00, 4:45, 7:30, 10:20
- **District 9** (R) 1:30, 4:20, 7:40, 10:30
- **Julie & Julia** (PG-13) 1:15, 4:10, 7:00, 9:50
- **The Hangover** (R) 3:00, 10:50

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- **Providence** (PG) 1:30, 4:10, 7:05, 10:10
- **Paris** (R) 2:00, 4:55, 8:10
- **500 Days-Sum** (PG-13) 1:45, 4:05, 7:35, 10:00
- **Amreeka** (PG-13) 2:00, 4:50, 7:30, 9:50
- **Baader Meinhof** (R) 1:20, 4:35, 8:00
- **Burning Plain** (R) 1:40, 7:10
- **It Might** (PG) 4:20, 9:55
- **Septembr Issue** (PG-13) 1:50, 4:30, 7:00, 9:40

CITY NORTH 14 (KERASOTES)

2600 N. Western Ave.
 (800) 326-3264 #1642

- **Fame** (PG) ★ 9:50, 10:40, 12:30, 1:30, 3:20, 4:20, 6:20, 7:10, 9:00, 10:00
- **Pandorum** (R) ★ 11:30, 2:10, 5:00, 7:50, 10:30
- **Surrogates** (PG-13) ★ 10:10, 11:10, 1:00, 2:20, 3:30, 4:50, 6:05, 7:20, 8:30, 9:50, 10:50
- **Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs 3D** (PG) ★ 10:00, 10:30, 12:10, 12:40, 2:30, 3:00, 4:40, 5:20, 7:00, 7:30, 9:10, 9:40
- **Cloudy-Mtballs** (PG) ★ (Closed caption) 9:30, 11:45, 2:00, 4:10, 6:30, 8:40
- **Jennifer's Body** (R) ★ 11:20, 2:40, 5:10, 7:40, 10:10
- **I Can Do Bad** (PG-13) 10:20, 1:10, 4:00, 6:50, 9:30
- **9** (PG-13) 11:00, 1:20, 3:40, 6:10, 8:20, 10:25
- **Ingolourious** (R) 11:50, 3:10, 6:40, 9:55
- **District 9** (R) 9:40, 12:15, 2:50, 5:30, 8:10, 10:45
- **The Hangover** (R) 10:15, 12:50, 3:15, 5:40, 8:00, 10:40

DAVIS THEATRE (VALUE)

4614 N. Lincoln Ave., Chicago
 (773) 784-0893

- **Fame** (PG) ★ 5:00, 7:15, 9:30
- **Surrogates** (PG-13) ★ 5:40, 7:40, 9:45
- **The Informant!** (R) ★ 5:30, 7:40, 9:50
- **Julie & Julia** (PG-13) 7:00 P.M.
- **Ingolourious** (R) 9:30 P.M.

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- **Fame** (PG) 1:50, 4:10, 7:05, 9:35
- **Pandorum** (R) 2:15, 4:45, 7:30, 9:55
- **Sorority Row** (R) 2:40, 5:15, 7:45, 10:05
- **I Can Do Bad** (PG-13) 1:05, 1:45, 2:30, 3:40, 4:20, 5:00, 6:10, 6:50, 7:30, 8:50, 9:20, 9:55
- **Halloween II** (R) 4:00, 9:40
- **Ingolourious** (R) 1:00, 6:25
- **Surrogates** (PG-13) 1:05, 3:25, 5:30, 7:50, 10:10
- AMC Select **Providence** (PG) 2:00, 4:15, 6:45, 9:10
- **Cloudy-Mtballs** (PG) 1:10, 3:20, 5:40, 8:00, 10:15
- **Jennifer's Body** (R) 2:20, 5:05, 7:25, 9:55
- **9** (PG-13) 1:25, 3:35, 5:45, 7:55, 10:00
- **Final Destinatin** (R) 1:15, 3:25, 5:35, 7:40, 9:50
- **Secuestra** (NR) 2:35, 4:50, 7:15, 9:30

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- **Aliens-Attic** (PG) 2:05, 4:05, 6:05, 8:10
- **Orphan** (R) 2:00, 4:10, 6:25, 8:40
- **The Hurt Locker** (R) 2:15, 6:05, 8:30
- **Ponyo** (G) 2:05, 4:10, 6:15, 8:20

MUSIC BOX

3733 N. Southport, Chicago
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- **Woman in** (NR) 4:20, 7:00, 9:30
- **Where the Wild** (PG) 7:00 P.M.

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- **Disgrace** (NR) 1:45, 4:25, 7:10
- AMC Select **Bright Star** (PG) 2:00, 4:40, 7:30
- **Ocean of Pearls** (PG-13) 3:00, 5:20, 7:45
- **Serbian Scars** (NR) 3:15, 5:40, 8:00

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- **Pandorum** (R) 1:30, 4:30, 7:30, 10:30
- **Love Happens** (PG-13) 11:00, 1:45, 4:40, 7:30, 10:20
- **Sorority Row** (R) 11:00, 10:15
- **I Can Do Bad** (PG-13) 11:30, 2:25, 5:25, 8:25, 10:50
- **Extract** (R) 11:25, 1:50, 4:20, 7:10, 9:40
- **Ingolourious** (R) 1:20 P.M.
- **Ingolourious** (R) 11:50, 3:15, 6:40, 10:20
- **Surrogates** (PG-13) 11:45, 1:15, 2:15, 3:45, 4:45, 6:15, 8:45, 9:45
- AMC Select **Bright Star** (PG) 12:50, 3:50, 6:50, 9:50
- **The Informant!** (R) 1:10, 4:10, 10:40
- **Jennifer's Body** (R) 11:15, 1:50, 4:35, 7:25, 10:25
- **Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs 3D** (PG) ♦ 11:05, 1:40, 4:15, 6:50, 9:30
- AMC Select **Septembr Issue** (PG-13) 11:35, 2:10, 4:50, 7:20, 9:50
- **9** (PG-13) 11:45, 2:10, 4:35, 7:05, 9:25
- **District 9** (R) 1:15, 4:10, 7:00, 10:05
- **Julie & Julia** (PG-13) 11:05, 2:00, 4:55, 8:00
- AMC Select **500 Days-Sum** (PG-13) 1:05, 3:30, 6:10, 8:40
- **Serbian Scars** (NR) 12:00, 2:40, 5:10, 7:45, 10:35

CROWN VILLAGE 18 (KERASOTES)

7000 Carpenter Rd., Skokie
 (800) 326-3264 #2309

- **Fame** (PG) ★ 12:45, 1:40, 3:30, 4:20, 6:20, 7:20, 9:00, 9:50
- **Hope They** (R) ★ 2:20, 5:00, 7:50, 10:25
- **Pandorum** (R) ★ 2:15, 5:10, 7:45, 10:20
- **Providence** (PG) ★ 12:20, 2:40, 5:15, 8:10, 10:30
- **Serbian Scars** (NR) ★ 1:00, 4:00, 6:50, 9:40

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G - General audience PG - Parental guidance suggested
PG-13 - Parents strongly cautioned. Some material may be inappropriate for children under 13
R - Restricted, under 17 requires accompanying parent or adult guardian
NC-17 - No one 17 and under admitted

CROWN VILLAGE 18 (KERASOTES) (continued)

- **Surrogates** (PG-13) ★ 12:50, 2:10, 3:10, 4:40, 5:30, 7:00, 8:00, 9:20, 10:15
- **Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs 3D** (PG) ★ 12:10, 12:40, 2:30, 3:00, 4:50, 5:20, 7:10, 7:40, 9:30, 10:00
- **Cloudy-Mtballs** (PG) ★ 1:10, 3:40, 6:15, 8:45
- **Jennifer's Body** (R) ★ 1:50, 4:30, 7:15, 10:10
- **Love Happens** (PG-13) ★ 2:00, 4:45, 7:30, 10:05
- **The Informant!** (R) ★ 3:40, 4:10, 6:45, 9:45
- **Sorority Row** (R) 2:45 P.M.
- **I Can Do Bad** (PG-13) 12:30, 3:20, 6:30, 9:10
- **9** (PG-13) 1:20, 3:50, 6:05, 8:20, 10:35
- **All About Steve** (PG-13) 1:15, 4:15, 6:40
- **Ingolourious** (R) 6:10, 9:55
- **District 9** (R) 9:15 P.M.

WEBSTER PLACE (KERASOTES)

1471 W. Webster Ave., Chicago
 (800) 326-3264 #1641

- **Fame** (PG) ★ 10:10, 12:45, 3:40, 6:40, 9:20
- **I Hope They** (R) ★ 10:20, 1:00, 4:00, 7:15, 10:15
- **Surrogates** (PG-13) ★ 11:30, 2:00, 4:30, 7:30, 9:50
- **Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs 3D** (PG) ★ 10:00, 12:20, 2:40, 5:00, 7:20, 9:40
- **Love Happens** (PG-13) ★ 11:00, 1:45, 4:20, 7:00, 9:45
- **The Informant!** (R) ★ 11:10, 12:30, 1:50, 3:30, 4:45, 6:30, 7:10, 9:30, 10:00
- **9** (PG-13) 11:20, 1:40, 3:50, 6:05, 8:15
- **Extract** (R) 11:40, 2:10, 5:10, 7:50, 10:20
- **Ingolourious** (R) 11:50, 3:20, 6:50, 10:10
- **District 9** (R) 4:10, 10:25
- **Julie & Julia** (PG-13) 10:30, 1:20, 7:40
- **The Hangover** (R) 10:30 P.M.

SHOWPLACE 14 - GALEWOOD CROSSINGS (KERASOTES)

E. Side of Central Ave., just S. of Grand Ave.
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- **Fame** (PG) ★ 1:50, 4:45, 7:30, 10:00
- **Pandorum** (R) ★ 1:40, 4:20, 7:10, 9:50
- **Providence** (PG) ★ 2:10, 4:30, 6:50, 9:10
- **Surrogates** (PG-13) ★ 2:20, 4:40, 7:00, 9:30
- **Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs 3D** (PG) ★ 12:20, 2:40, 5:00, 7:20, 9:40
- **Cloudy-Mtballs** (PG) ★ 1:10, 3:45, 6:15, 8:50
- **Jennifer's Body** (R) ★ 1:00, 3:40, 6:30, 9:00
- **The Informant!** (R) ★ 1:15, 4:15, 7:15, 10:10
- **Sorority Row** (R) 1:20, 4:10, 6:45, 9:15
- **I Can Do Bad** (PG-13) 12:50, 2:15, 3:50, 4:50, 6:40, 7:40, 9:20, 10:15
- **9** (PG-13) 1:30, 4:00, 6:05, 8:15, 10:30
- **Halloween II** (R) 2:00, 5:10, 7:40, 10:20
- **Final Destinatin** (R) 12:40, 3:30, 6:20, 8:40

CICERO SHOWPLACE 14 (KERASOTES)

4779 W. Cermak
 (800) 326-3264 #1644

- **Fame** (PG) ★ 12:50, 1:50, 3:50, 4:45, 6:40, 7:30, 9:20, 10:00
- **Pandorum** (R) ★ 1:40, 4:20, 7:10, 9:50
- **Surrogates** (PG-13) ★ 1:10, 2:20, 3:45, 4:40, 6:15, 7:00, 8:50, 9:30
- **Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs 3D** (PG) ★ 12:20, 2:40, 5:00, 7:20, 9:40
- **Cloudy-Mtballs** (PG) ★ 2:10, 4:30, 6:50, 9:10
- **Jennifer's Body** (R) ★ 1:00, 3:40, 6:30, 9:00
- **The Informant!** (R) ★ 1:15, 4:15, 7:15, 10:10
- **Sorority Row** (R) 1:20, 4:10, 6:45, 9:15
- **I Can Do Bad** (PG-13) 2:15, 4:50, 7:40, 10:15
- **9** (PG-13) 1:30, 4:00, 6:05, 8:15, 10:30
- **Halloween II** (R) 2:00, 5:10, 7:40, 10:20
- **Final Destinatin** (R) 12:40, 3:30, 6:20, 8:40

OAK PARK

LAKE CINEMAS (CLASSIC)

1022 Lake Street
 630-444-FILM #560

- **Fame** (PG) ★ 12:00, 2:25, 4:50, 7:15, 9:40
- **Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs 3D** (PG) ★ 12:00, 2:05, 4:10, 6:15, 8:20
- **Love Happens** (PG-13) ★ 12:05, 2:30, 4:55, 7:20, 9:45
- **The Informant!** (R) ★ 12:10, 2:35, 5:00, 7:25, 9:50
- **9** (PG-13) 12:05, 2:00, 3:55, 5:50, 7:45, 9:40
- **Ingolourious** (R) 12:00, 3:05, 6:10, 9:15
- **Julie & Julia** (PG-13) 1:30, 4:10, 6:50, 9:30

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CENTURY 12/CINEARTS 6 (CENTURY)

1715 MAPLE AVE.
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- **Bright Star** (PG) ★ 12:30, 4:15, 7:25, 10:15
- **Fame** (PG) ★ 11:45, 2:20, 4:55, 7:30, 10:05
- **I Hope They** (R) ★ 12:15, 2:50, 5:25, 8:00, 10:35
- **Pandorum** (R) ★ 11:45, 2:35, 5:10, 7:45, 10:30
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- **Providence** (PG) ★ 12:00, 2:45, 5:55, 7:15, 9:45
- **9** (PG-13) 11:30, 1:35, 3:40, 5:45, 7:50, 9:55
- **Cloudy-Mtballs** (PG) ★ 11:35, 1:45, 4:40, 6:15, 8:30
- **Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs 3D** (PG) ★ 12:20, 2:40, 5:00, 7:20, 9:40
- **District 9** (R) 4:05, 10:00
- **Extract** (R

Oktoberfest security upped after arrests

1 2 dead in botched burglary

Police say two burglary suspects were killed Saturday after the excessive explosives they were using to break into a bank's safe blew up the whole building. The explosion in Dinant in southern Belgium destroyed half a banking office and left the rest in ruins.

2 Hotel plan canceled

Kiev, Ukraine, authorities—facing withering criticism—have reversed a decision to build a hotel on a killing field used by Nazis during the infamous 1941 Babi Yar massacre, officials said Monday.



Flood victims extend their arms Monday to receive relief goods from a military truck east of Manila. AP

3 Death toll hits 140

Rescuers pulled more bodies from swollen rivers Monday after flooding left 140 people dead in the Philippine capital of Manila and surrounding towns.

4 Child locked up

A woman was arrested after her 14-year-old son told authorities in Oklahoma City that he escaped from a home where he'd been kept for 4½ years, spending most of his time locked in a bedroom closet, police said Monday.

5 Terror links

A law enforcement official has confirmed that investigators have identified possible accomplices of an Afghan immigrant accused of plotting a terrorist attack on New York.

It's the bubbles

A team of researchers—in Europe not surprisingly—found that Champagne's bursting bubbles not only tickle the nose, they create a mist that wafts the aroma to the drinker.

6 MUNICH Two men with suspected links to Islamic extremists were taken into custody by Munich police, and security at the Oktoberfest beer festival has been increased as videos threatening Germany continued to surface on the Internet, officials said Monday.

Two men from Arab countries were arrested Saturday, the same day authorities banned flights over Oktoberfest, said Munich police chief Wilhelm Schmidbauer.

Such bans are usually imposed only during visits by high-ranking state visits. Traffic was also restricted around the Theresienwiese, the 77-acre festival grounds where Oktoberfest is held for 16 days each year. This year's event began Sept. 19.

At least five videos by Islamic terrorist groups such as Al Qaeda and the Taliban have threatened Germany in recent weeks. A video released by the Taliban late Friday included pictures of Oktoberfest and threatened an attack.

In the latest message, a 28-minute audio recording released Monday, Al Qaeda deputy leader Ayman al-Zawahri criticized Germany and Turkey, saying the former is "lying" about the nature of its mission in Afghanistan and



Policemen control the main entrance Monday of Oktoberfest in Munich. AP

accusing Turkey of taking part in a war against another Muslim nation.

Bavarian Interior Minister Joachim Herrmann said Monday that two videos have referred to the festival while leveling threats. But he added, "There is currently no concrete evidence of an attack in Germany."

FEST HISTORY

Oktoberfest has been targeted in the past. Saturday's festival opened with a minute of silence to honor the victims of a bomb attack that killed 13 people and injured 200 others on Sept. 26, 1980.

No bull—animal runs amok in northern Jersey

7 PATERSON, N.J. Police say a 1,400-pound bull that escaped from a northern New Jersey slaughterhouse dragged officers with a lasso down a street and ran 10 blocks before being captured and sedated.

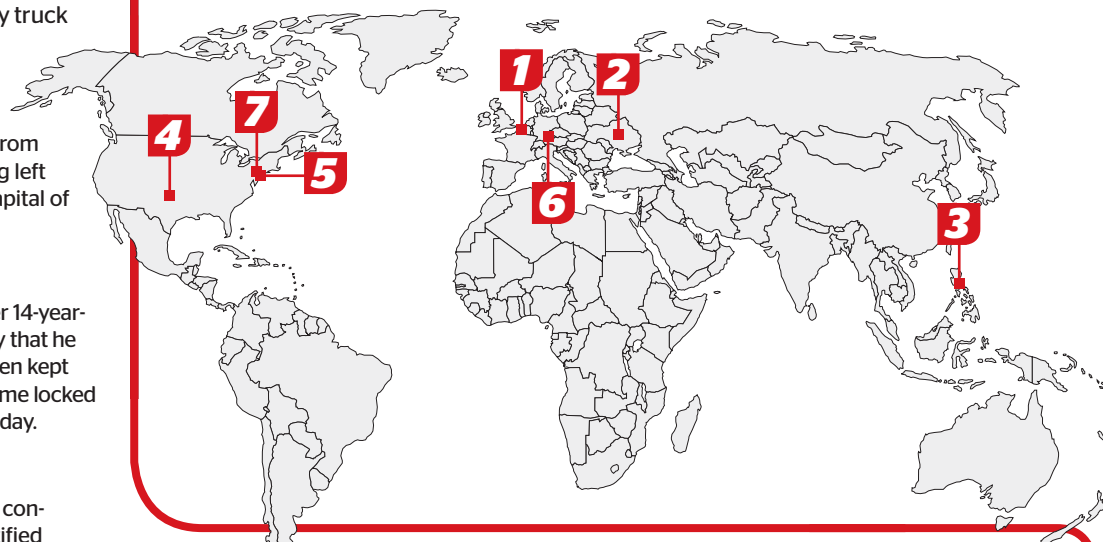
Chief John DeCando, spokesman for Paterson Police's animal control division, says the bull was being unloaded at ENA Meat Packing when it broke loose just before 8:30 a.m. Monday.

Police tried to corral the bull by lassoing a rope around the animal's neck, but it dragged officers down the street instead.

DeCando says traffic was light during the bull run. He says the area where the officers were dragged was not residential or near a school.

Officers finally corralled the animal, and DeCando was able to sedate it.

No injuries were reported. The bull was returned to the slaughterhouse.



THE DIGIT

seven

The number of men and one woman who have purchased seats on Russian space flights. Cirque du Soleil founder Guy Laliberte (left), preparing for his trip to the International Space Station, would be No. 8.

Shedd Aquarium takes time to Listen To Your Lakes

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Last sights

Cubs enter final homestand of disappointing season, but there's reason to watch

Chicago Tribune

The last gasp of one of the disappointing seasons in recent memory begins Tuesday when the Cubs kick off their final homestand against Pittsburgh. The forecast for the final games is gloomy, with the tragic number at one and a chilly blast of Canadian air arriving just in time for the final rites. But a few feel-good stories remain:

Thrivin' Ryan

Ryan Dempster had a difficult start, posting a 5.40 earned-run average in April while dealing with a heartbreaking family crisis. His infant daughter, Riley, was diagnosed with DiGeorge syndrome, a rare congenital disease that prevented her from properly swallowing and digesting food.

Nearly six months later, things have improved. Dempster has dominated in September with a 1.73 ERA, and Riley is back home.

"Everything is not OK, but she's doing a lot better," he said.

Carlos the Closer

When Carlos Marmol and Kevin Gregg were competing for the closer's role in Spring Training, manager Lou Piniella joked to Marmol that Gregg would be throwing 98 mph in the Cactus League while he would be out of sight in the World Baseball Classic.

As it turned out, Piniella did hand Gregg the closer's job and watched the decision blow up in his face. Since replacing Gregg on Aug. 18, Marmol is 11-for-11 in save opportunities.

"He's in the process of learning how to close games, a new situation," Carlos Zambrano said.

Lovin' Colvin

The fresh-faced Tyler Colvin was an instant hit in his first two games in Milwaukee, flashing some defense and showing glimpses of what he can do at the plate. He probably won't make the Opening Day roster next April, but he's a prospect worth watching.


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Ozzie Guillen blasts his team for watching "Glee" after a loss. Turns out Guillen is a "Cougar Town" fan. Grrrr, Courtney Cox!

Don't pass on the pass

I'd like to take you back to two weeks ago.

Kanye West and Joe Wilson were tied for "Most Hated Person in America." Nobody on the "SNL" writing staff had yet thought, "Hey, it's a great idea to feature a brand-new cast member in a skit that says 'freaking' 45 times. What could go wrong?" Bears fans were panicked.

But I told you right here to be optimistic.

Two weekends later, Da Bears are 2-1. The defense has performed at an above-average level, and our quarterback has led two game-winning drives late in the fourth quarter. The football gods have smiled on the Bears so much that opposing kickers have honked four field goals against us.

So why is the general mood of Bear Nation so sour?

Granted, the Seahawks fielded a team missing eight starters and almost pulled out a win. That's because Seneca Wallace is good enough to be starting for at least six other NFL teams right now, and Qwest Field is one of the toughest places to win a road game.

Over the last couple of years, this was the kind of game that the Bears would somehow lose.

(Before Kyle Orton fans point at the Broncos' 3-0 record: They beat an out-of-sync Cincy, then Cleveland and Oakland. There are co-ed flag-football teams in Chicagoland that can stop those last two offenses. Jay Cutler is better. Period.)

This "no-first-quarter-points" trend is a problem, however. I also wish we didn't have the 28th-best, run-blocking offensive line. But as for this strange collective push from fans and the media to "be more balanced" on offense: I. Do. Not. Care.

Having a cute, tidy 50-50 split betwixt runs and passes is meaningless. Getting first downs and scoring points the best way possible matters. If that means Ron Turner goes into full Tecmo Bowl mode, I love it. Embrace the forward pass, Bears fans. It's new and weird, but it'll be OK. I promise.

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Last calls

Baseball season is coming to an end—at least in Chicago. That's not gonna stop Whizzer from making a few final predictions about the unpredictable Cubs and White Sox.

Carlos Zambrano lives up to his word and actually does retire. He unretires a day later.

Who knew Brett Favre was Big Z's hero?

Cubs fans start pining for the return of Milton Bradley. Call it the Sammy Sosa corollary.

Cubs outfielder Sam Fuld dives for a catch and flies right through the knothole in Wrigley's outfield wall.



Shock city

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1 How big a threat are the Detroit Lions now that they've won for the first time since 2007?	The Bears almost lost to Detroit at home last year. They're a huge threat.	A big threat. It's unnatural, unholy and an abomination to behold—like Tom DeLay dancing.	No threat. Everyone gets lucky once in a while. It was probably the Lions' birthday.	I'm sure the Bears and Cutler are shakin' in their cleats. They may want to forfeit.	They're still a couple wins away from being more threatening than actual lions.
2 What has happened to Matt Forte?	Never you mind about Matt Forte. He just needs to find his place in Jay Cutler's offense.	It's like a bad sci-fi movie in which he's switched bodies with Cedric Benson ... or Judge Reinhold.	Sophomore slump. He should get advice from Jimmy, whose sophomore slump has lasted 22 years.	Simple! Sophomore jinx. Happens to all first-year stars. The game catches up to them ... so does the opponent.	Pace, Omiyale, Kreutz, Garza, Williams. And a curse levied in the off-season by Anthony Thomas.
3 Only five baseball games left for Chicago teams. What do you want to see happen?	The Blackhawks start their season.	Refunds.	Closure. But I know I can't look to the Cubs for that.	Big Z retires and Ozzie gives us one last meltdown.	A full conversion to "BASEketball" rules, complete with wife-referencing psyche-outs.
4 Why are the Blackhawks in Zurich?	They're accepting Roman Polanski's award for him.	Maybe they mistook it for Lake Zurich in the northwest burbs. Reminds me of a story ...	To take out the European competition for the Olympics. Madrid will cry, "Why, why?"	The bus driver took a wrong turn on the Kennedy while trying to get to the UC from O'Hare.	They enjoy fine chocolates, precision timepieces and international money laundering.
5 How are you counting down the days to the 2016 Olympic host city announcement?	At the end of each day I return another of Tracy's "private" videotapes to her.	In Portuguese, since this thing's headed to Rio.	On one hand. The other is poised for a high five, fist shake or tear collection.	By counting how many more senseless murders might happen in this great city of ours.	Putting out lawn chairs to call dibs on parking spots. Can't start too early.



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David Clowney (left) and Frank Walker during a preseason game. **AP FILE**



Not so tweet

@davidclowney, Rex is watching.
New York Jets receiver David Clowney was benched after his Twitter message riled coach Rex Ryan.

The Texas Tech football team was banned from tweeting after a player criticized the coach. The Miami Heat was told no more messages from the arena.

Not such a sweet tweet Monday for social networking in sports.

It's "a bunch of narcissists that want to sit and type stuff about themselves all the time," Texas Tech coach Mike Leach said.

So, what got him so worked up?

A day after the Red Raiders lost to No. 12 Houston 29-28, Leach was running late to a meeting. According to the Lubbock Avalanche-Journal, linebacker Marlon Williams asked on his Twitter account why "the head coach can't even be on time."

Clowney sat out the Jets' 24-17 win over Tennessee on Sunday. His offense? After the Jets beat New England the previous week, he tweeted: "I play in the 1st Half, 4 plays in the 2nd half ... A bit disappointed about my playing time but very happy and satisfied about the win."

"I was upset with him, yep," Ryan said Monday.

The Heat sent a message to its players: No more tweets from the arena, home or away, practice or game time.

Star guard Dwyane Wade sounded OK with the edict.

"When you come to work, you come to work," he said. "You can tweet before, you can tweet after. It's not addicting like where I'm going to take a bathroom break, go downstairs and tweet. I think people take it a little too far with that."

AthTweets

Do sports stars really just "type stuff all the time about themselves," as the Texas Tech coach said? Let's take a look.



Nastia Liukin

@Nliukin

Gymnast

Flying out of the same gate that I arrived from Beijing last year.... Brings back memories :)

Dwyane Wade

@dwadeofficial

Miami Heat guard

Just got home from a long day but excited about this season. so imma do what i have to do so i can get to bed early

Chansi Stuckey

@ChansiStuckey

New York Jets wide receiver

@ five napkin burger. Suppose to be really good!



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We're down to our last week of Chicago baseball. Oh, come on now, dry those eyes. This is no place for tears of joy. Here now, my TV picks.



MLB Cubs vs. Pittsburgh

7:05 p.m. WGN
Colorado and the Cubs were off Monday, so the Cubs are still alive. Too bad hope died long ago.



MLB White Sox at Cleveland

6:05 p.m. CSN
This could be fun to watch, just for the next over-the-top Ozzie rant.



WNBA FINALS Game 1: Phoenix vs. Indiana

7 p.m. ESPN2
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» Theo Fleury's career is ending in the place it began. The 41-year-old former Blackhawks forward decided to give up his comeback attempt and retire as a member of the Calgary Flames.

» Officials from Arena Football 1 said Monday that they will have at least 16 teams ready to play in 2010, including four in former Arena Football League markets: Salt Lake City, Chicago, Phoenix and Orlando.



» Blackhawks 9, HC Davos 2



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Irving Park sib to Albany Park's go-to spot for charcoal-grilled chicken

Sprout

Organic fine dining in Lincoln Park

MONDAY

Bake

Baked goods in Bucktown from a Division Street farmers market fave

FIRST WEEK OF OCTOBER

Nella Pizzeria Napoletana

Neapolitan pizza in Lincoln Park

OCT. 8

LM Le Restaurant

Contemporary French fare in Lincoln Square

OCT. 12

Melanthios

Authentic Greek eats in Lakeview

MID-OCTOBER

Belly Shack

Asian and Latin flavors in Logan Square from the Urban Belly crew

Pho and I

Vietnamese eats in Lakeview

LATE OCTOBER

Delightful Pastries

Old Town expansion of a Jeff Park favorite

J. Wellington's

Late-night burgers in Wicker Park

DMK Burger Bar

Chef-driven burgers and shakes in Lakeview

Duck Walk

DePaul-area spinoff of the Lakeview Thai BYOB



Gemini Bistro's duck confit nachos
BARRY BRECHEISEN FOR METROMIX

New on the Scene: Dining

15 new restaurants

Make your fall dining plans around these September openings

By M. Kathleen Pratt and Erin Osmon

A rush of new neighborhood spots rounded out high-profile restaurant openings from the likes of Rick Bayless (Xoco) and New York's Sandoval brothers (Mercadito) this month. Get the scoop on the neighborhood spots here, then go to metromix.com to read our First Looks of Xoco and Mercadito.

Gemini Bistro

2075 N. Lincoln Ave. 773-525-2522

Chef Jason Paskewitz has done the downtown thing (Wave), the Weed Street thing (JP Chicago) and even the suburban thing (The 621 Diner). Now he's gone the neighborhood route with this chic Lincoln Park bistro, where the dinner menu focuses on American classics with French and Italian influences. Though offerings will change seasonally, options might include duck confit nachos; steamed mussels with pancetta, white wine and herbs; and steak frites.

Knew

2556 W. Fullerton Ave. 773-772-7721

Omar Rodriguez and Ryvkah Goodman-Rodriguez, the husband-wife team behind Bucktown's recently shuttered Think, have moved on to

open this eclectic American BYOB in Logan Square, where Rodriguez's slightly more high-end menu focuses on free-range and organic game. Other specialties include lobster-stuffed, truffle oil-drizzled endive; and homemade pasta tossed with lobster, mascarpone and fresh mint.

Orviato

2200 N. Ashland Ave. 773-395-0066

The ritz and glitz of now-shuttered Lincoln Park eatery Green Dolphin Street gives way to practicality and lower price points at this casual Italian spot, which occupies the east side of the still-hoppin' Green Dolphin Street club complex. Italy-trained chef Nino Coronas' menu centers on thin-crust pizzas baked in a direct-from-Italy oven, as well as other traditional Northern Italian specialties.

Rustico Grill

2515 N. California Ave. 773-235-0002

Raul Arreola, the chef behind North Side BYOB Mixteco Grill, expands his reach to Logan Square with this Mexican spot in the former Rustik space. The menu is nearly identical to Mixteco's, with an emphasis on Oaxacan moles, as well as carne asada, cochinita pibil and other grilled and roasted meat dishes. But there's one major distinction: Rustico has a liquor license, with tequila options aplenty.

Recent September openings:

» **Blue Ocean**, sushi and contemporary Japanese fare in Ravenswood

» **Ch'ava**, cafe fare and sandwiches that go beyond the basics in Ravenswood

» **Havana**, pan-Latin eats and cocktails in River North

» **Halsted Street Deli/Original Rainbow Cone**, two old Chicago favorites, together in the Loop

» **Hello Sushi and Thai Cuisine**, traditional Thai and affordable sushi in Rogers Park

» **Kyu Sushi**, still more sushi in East Village

» **La Mediterranee**, Italian and French fare on Randolph Street

» **The Original Alps Restaurant & Pancake House**, diner classics, back in Irving Park after a lengthy hiatus

» **Paciugo**, oodles of gelato in Lakeview

» **Pannenkoeken Cafe**, Dutch pancakes and other breakfast and lunch favorites in Wicker Park

» **Red Brick**, thin-crust pizzas, bowls o' pasta and meatball sandwiches—plus a BYOB policy until the liquor license comes through—in North Center

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Audrey Niffenegger

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It seems the vampire trend, like vampires themselves, just won't die. Now jewelry designers are capitalizing on the success of the "Twilight" films and HBO's "True Blood." Jules Smith's vampire teeth bracelet pays cheeky homage to bloodsuckers without being too, well, weird. Whether you're sporting it for a Halloween party or simply to show your love for Team Edward, the price is right for a fun take on costume jewelry. **JOANNA GUSTAFSON FOR REDEYE**



ON THE WEB

Megabot the Web series

at megabot.tv

This twisted send-up of "Mighty Morphin' Power Rangers" stars Fran Kranz of "Dollhouse" fame who plays "Blue," a member of the "Megabot" team that fights crime in a giant robot. Cheesy special-effects combine with snarky, adult dialogue (NSFW) in this love letter to '90s Saturday morning kids' shows. **ELLIOTT SERRANO FOR REDEYE**

» Don't miss Elliott's chat with "Megabot" writer Micah Fitzerman-Blue at redeyechicago.com/geektome.

MUSIC

Alice in Chains

"Black Gives Way to Blue"

Is this 1992 again? You might think it by the sounds of Alice in Chain's new CD. That's not a bad thing. Everything AIC fans love is here: the crunchy riffs, the speaker-rattling rhythm, the familiar vocals. Yes, co-vocalist Jerry Cantrell sounds eerily like the late Layne Staley. The original singer's death inspires the moving title track, and Elton John on piano adds just the right touch of class to the song, which closes the CD but hopefully opens a new era for Alice in Chains. **BRIAN MOORE, REDEYE**

'Imperfect'? It's flawless

Things
that turn
us on

Carey
AP



"I should crack you right in your forehead," Mariah Carey sings on the breakup tune "It's a Wrap."

The song, on her latest CD, "Memoirs of an Imperfect Angel," finds a hungover Carey kicking her lover to the curb with particularly harsh words.

"Another early morning, and you walk in like it's nothing ... ain't no doughnuts, ain't coffee," she sings with attitude in her signature high-pitch tone. "Let me take a breath and regain my composure, told you one more time, if you [bleep] up it's over."

But even though she's spitting venom, Carey's cooing on the doo-wop sounding song is so sensuous and sweet that the song's intended target will remain under her spell—as will her listeners.

"Memoirs of an Imperfect Angel" is an exceptional album that is about love—being in it, out of it, over it and trying to reach it.

While the subjects are tried and true, they are never tired, thanks to Carey's approach, which mixes a good dose of humor and wit with her multi-octave voice.

Carey produced and wrote the majority of the album with Christopher "Tricky" Stewart and Terius "The-Dream" Nash—and those hitmakers add their own touch to "Imperfect Angel" without overdoing it. "Ribbon," which bumps with southern flavor, is radio-friendly, showcasing The-Dream and Tricky's signature sound. As does "Standing O," with its addictive hook.

"Imperfect Angel," though helmed by The-Dream and Tricky, still maintains a classic Mariah sound—especially on the soothing "Angels Cry" and its accompanying prelude, and the personal "Languishing," highlighted by a piano.

No one is perfect—that's obvious.

But this CD is—that's obvious too.

MESFIN FEKADU, AP



Memoirs of an Imperfect Angel

Mariah Carey

Check out this track:

"It's a Wrap" joins tracks like "Vision of Love," "Always Be My Baby" and "We Belong Together" as a classic Mariah song.

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Audrina Patridge
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Whitney Port
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Whether you love 'em, hate 'em or love-to-hate 'em, the quasi-reality hits "The Hills" and "The City" are back with new episodes at 9 and 9:30 p.m. Tuesday. Lauren Conrad won't grace your TiVo this time around, but MTV's found a new blond, old "Laguna Beach" diva Kristin Cavallari, to stand up to Speidi. Tuesday's "Hills" also is one of the last episodes featuring Audrina Patridge, who has since left the show to pursue a movie career. Loved that "Sorority Girls," 'Drina! Over on the East Coast, "The City's" Whitney Port has a whole new slew of friends. She's also ditched Diane von Furstenberg's office this season to rejoin forces with the acid-tongued fashion icon Kelly Cutrone. We vote for watching both train-wreck shows, but if you have only 30 minutes, here's the rundown on each. Just don't expect to gossip over "The Hills" with Conrad. She was pretty blunt when MTV asked her if she'd watch it now that she's off the show: "I'm not planning on it." **ARIEL ALEXOVICH, REDEYE**

The Hills

Time slot: 9 p.m., MTV

How far along: Season 5, part 2

The scene: Hollywood

Stars: Heidi Montag, Audrina Patridge

Supporting cast: Lo Bosworth, Stephanie Pratt

Key frenemy: Spencer Pratt

Newbies: Kristin Cavallari

Notable departures: Lauren Conrad

Last season's money quote: Heidi asks for presents that are "honeymoonalicious." Ugh.

They're so money

TheDailyBast.com on Monday posted what the site says is the per-episode salary of "The Hills" stars, attributing "a person with knowledge of the show's contracts." Here's a rundown of what the site reported.

\$125,000

Lauren Conrad

\$100,000

Audrina Patridge, Lauren "Lo" Bosworth and Heidi Montag

\$90,000

Kristin Cavallari

\$65,000

Spencer Pratt

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Brody Jenner

The City

Time slot: 9:30 p.m., MTV

How far along: Season 2

The scene: Manhattan

Star: Whitney Port

Supporting cast: Kelly Cutrone, Samantha Swetra

Key frenemy: Olivia Palermo
Newbies: L.A. party girl Roxy Olin

Notable departures: Almost all of last season's supporting cast, including Erin, Jay, Adam and Allie

Last season's money quote: "This conversation is making me nauseous," says Whitney to her no-good rocker ex-boyfriend Jay.

THE QUICK & DIRTY

- » Billboard names Lady Gaga as rising star in upcoming event. Really.
- » Taylor Lautner not comfortable with showing off pecs
- » Kim Kardashian, Reggie Bush back on
- » "American Idol" Season 1 runner-up Justin Guarini gets married
- » Fred Durst splits with wife after three months
- » Trailer of updated "A Nightmare on Elm Street" debuts
- » Chris Brown via Twitter: New single, "Transformer" to drop Tuesday

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ACROSS

- 1 Sat for an artist
- 6 German wife
- 10 Perched atop
- 14 Eskimo home
- 15 Yours & mine
- 16 Theater balcony
- 17 Adrenal or pituitary
- 18 Take again
- 20 "Ready, ... go!"
- 21 Deceased
- 23 Was mistaken
- 24 Impose a tax
- 25 Father
- 27 Baseball official
- 30 Infield hit
- 31 Traitor
- 34 Appear
- 35 -frutti
- 36 Years lived
- 37 Not worldly wise
- 41 _ for; request
- 42 Comfortable
- 43 Repair
- 44 Deposit
- 45 Small bills
- 46 Quarrels some
- 48 Not up yet
- 49 Dressed
- 50 "Thanks, Jacques!"
- 53 Tight
- 54 Speck
- 57 Repetition
- 60 Call forth
- 62 Morse _
- 63 Opera solo
- 64 Varnish ingredient
- 65 Conclusions
- 66 Spill the beans
- 67 Spirited horse

DOWN

- 1 Swine
- 2 Be flirtatious
- 3 Bench piece
- 4 Long, long time
- 5 Walk unsteadily
- 6 Sudden invasion
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- 8 Joan of _
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Jesse Eisenberg (left) and Woody Harrelson on Monday at the Chicago premiere of "Zombieland." **ANDREW A. NELLES/TRIBUNE**

Zombie superstar

Zombies won't ever top vampires in a beauty contest or an IQ test. Still, there is one thing that makes zombies more appealing than their undead counterparts: "Zombies are funnier," said actor Jesse Eisenberg, who attended Monday night's Chicago premiere of his new film "Zombieland" at AMC River East.

"Zombieland" also stars Emma Stone ("Superbad") and Woody Harrelson, who attended Monday's red carpet but did not speak to media. In the horror comedy, which comes out Friday, humans are scarce and zombies are on nearly every corner. How long would Eisenberg last if a zombie plague broke out in real life?

"No time at all," responded Eisenberg. "I would probably be done before it hit just in the anticipation of it."



High roller

Britney Spears closed out her seven-month "Circus" tour Sunday night with a surprise appearance from Lance Bass—who got a lap dance from the pop star for his troubles, according to Access Hollywood.

"My good friend Lance surprised me on stage last night," Spears blogged Monday on her Web site after finishing the North American leg of her tour in Las Vegas. "It was sooooo funny!"

To celebrate, Spears dropped \$3,000 at a Vegas candy shop, buying candy and shirts for her kids and couture lollipops for her backup dancers, **people.com** reports.

Spears



Cuomo

Cuomo + Dupri + Lil Wayne

Rivers Cuomo is throwing a party on the new Weezer album and he's invited a few new guests to help him out. The bespectacled front man has teamed up with R&B giant Jermaine Dupri and rapper Lil Wayne on the new track "Can't Stop Partying," reports **mtv.com**. Cuomo and Dupri co-wrote the track, with Cuomo adding an "some darkness" to Dupri's "slick, R&B party ideas," according to **mtv.com**.

Lil Wayne added his own edge to a verse. "You can hear in his voice, it sounds so dark, like he was gonna get shot or something when he walks out of the studio," MTV quotes Cuomo as saying. "Raditude" drops Nov. 3.

THE VELVET ROPE



Carter

ing to **people.com** excerpts. "I'm going to win Dancing With the Stars." Gee—confident much?

I'm No. 1!

Aaron Carter's pick to win "Dancing With the Stars?" It's Aaron Carter, natch. "There are no if's, and's or but's or possibilities or chances," the "Dancing" contestant said during a radio interview Monday, according to



Harris

The music man

Neil Patrick Harris does musicals. Neil Patrick Harris does "How I Met Your Mother." Neil Patrick Harris does a musical on "How I Met Your Mother"?

Apparently yes, according to

Entertainment Weekly. The lauded Emmy Awards host and Broadway baby will perform a "big-ass musical" number for the show's 100th episode to appear in January. "There will be a huge Barney story culminating in an enormous musical number," says show executive producer Craig Thomas. Sounds fan—wait for it—tastic.

Staying power

Jenny Slate apparently doesn't have a [bleepin'] thing to worry about. The "Saturday Night Live" newbie, who dropped the f-bomb Saturday on the show's premiere, will keep her job on the NBC show, **ew.com** reports. Surely this news is just [bleepin'] golden for her, right?

DIGIT

10.2 MILLION

Number of viewers that tuned into the eighth season premiere of "The Family Guy" on Fox, its biggest audience in more than a year, according to **eonline.com**.

